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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of five (5) months to respond			
	to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006.			
2.	Applicant is	a small entity;		ther than a small entity.
3.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):			
	Total Months	Fee For Other	Fe	e for
	Requested	Than Small Entity	<u>Sn</u>	nall Entity
	one month	\$120.00		\$60.00
	two months	\$450.00	\$	5225.00
	three months	\$1,020.00	\$	3510.00
	four months	\$1,590.00	\$	5795.00
\boxtimes	five months*	\$2,160.00		,080.00
*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.				
\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$2,160.00 is enclosed.			
	Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.			
	All fees are being authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605			
	when electronically filing			
\bowtie	Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.			

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